

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended): A composition which comprises, in a physiologically acceptable medium:

(A) at least one sapogenin selected from the group consisting of diosgenin, hecogenin, smilagenin, sarsapogenin, tigogenin, yamogenin, yuccagenin, a natural extract containing diosgenin, a natural extract containing hecogenin, a derivative of diosgenin, a derivative of hecogenin, and mixtures thereof; and

(B) at least one xanthine base or a plant extract containing the same.

2. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said sapogenin is diosgenin.

3. (Previously Amended): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said sapogenin is a derivative of hecogenin.

4. (Previously Amended): The composition according to Claim 3, wherein said derivative of hecogenin is hecogenin acetate.

5. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said natural extract is selected from the group consisting of extracts of wild yam rhizome and extracts of agave leaves.

6. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said sapogenin is present in said composition in an amount of from 0.001 % to 10 % by weight, of the total weight of said composition.

7. (Original): The composition according to Claim 6, wherein said sapogenin is present in said composition in an amount of from 0.05 % to 5 % by weight, of the total weight of said composition.

8. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said xanthine base is selected from the group consisting of caffeine, theophylline, theobromine, acefylline, xanthinol nicotinate, diniprophylline, diprophylline, etamiphylline and its derivatives, etophylline, proxyphylline, pentophylline, propentophylline, pyridophylline, bamiphylline, and mixtures thereof.

9. (Original): The composition according to Claim 8, wherein said xanthine base is selected from the group consisting of caffeine, theophylline, theobromine, acefylline, and mixtures thereof.

10. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said plant extract is selected from the group consisting of extracts of tea, extracts of coffee, extracts of guarana, extracts of Paraguay tea, extracts of cola, and mixtures thereof.

11. (Original): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said xanthine base is present in said composition in an amount of from 0.01 % to 10 % by weight, of the total weight of said composition.

12. (Original): The composition according to Claim 11, wherein said xanthine base is present in said composition in an amount of from 0.1 % to 7 % by weight, of the total weight of said composition.

13. (Currently Amended): A method for ~~preventing and/or~~ combating cellulite, said method comprising applying to the skin, of a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of the composition of claim 1.

14. (Original): The method according to Claim 13, wherein said sapogenin is selected from the group consisting of diosgenin, hecogenin, smilagenin, sarsapogenin, tigogenin, yamogenin, yuccagenin, and mixtures thereof.

15. (Original): The method according to Claim 13, wherein said sapogenin is diosgenin.

16. (Original): The method according to Claim 13, wherein said xanthine base is selected from the group consisting of caffeine, theophylline, theobromine, acefylline, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Previously Amended): A method for refining the figure or the contours of the face, said method comprising applying to the skin of the figure or the skin of the face, of a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of the composition of claim 1.

18. (Original): The method according to Claim 17, wherein said sapogenin is selected from the group consisting of diosgenin, hecogenin, smilagenin, sarsapogenin, tigogenin, yamogenin, yuccagenin, and mixtures thereof.

19. (Original): The method according to Claim 17, wherein said sapogenin is diosgenin.

20. (Original): The method according to Claim 17, wherein said xanthine base is selected from the group consisting of caffeine, theophylline, theobromine, acefylline, and mixtures thereof.

21. (Previously Added): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

22. (Previously Added): The composition according to Claim 2, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

23. (Previously Added): The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

24. (Previously Added): The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

25. (Previously Added): The method according to Claim 13, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

26. (Previously Added): The method according to Claim 15, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

27. (Previously Added): The method according to Claim 17, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

28. (Previously Added): The method according to Claim 19, wherein said xanthine base is caffeine.

29. (Previously Added): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the xanthine base : sapogenin ratio is from 1.5 : 1 to 333 : 1.

30. (Previously Added): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the xanthine base : sapogenin ratio is from 1.5 : 1 to 10 : 1.

31. (Previously Added): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the xanthine base : sapogenin ratio is from 1.5 : 1 to 4 : 1.

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32. (Previously Added): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the xanthine base : sapogenin ratio is from 4 : 1 to 10 : 1.

33. (Previously Added): The composition according to claim 22, wherein the xanthine base : sapogenin ratio is from 1.5 : 1 to 333 : 1.

34. (Previously Added): The composition according to claim 22, wherein the xanthine base : sapogenin ratio is from 1.5 : 1 to 4 : 1.

35. (Previously Added): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the sapogenin is selected from the group consisting of diosgenin, hecogenin, smilagenin, sarsapogenin, tigogenin, yamogenin, yuccagenin, a natural extract containing diosgenin, a natural extract containing hecogenin and mixtures thereof.